

House Resolution No. 4041

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to convey a sense of welcome to those organizations which have proven down through the years to be outstanding components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, will hold its 77th Grand Chapter Meeting in Saint Louis from July 19 through July 24, 2005, at the Adam's Mark Hotel; and

Whereas, admirably led by Grand Polemarch Samuel C. Hamilton, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is known for its motto, "Achievement in every field of human endeavor", and its longstanding alliance with Habitat for Humanity as a community service national program; and

Whereas, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is the culmination of a dream shared by such founders as Elder Watson Diggs, Byron K. Armstrong, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmonds, Guy Levis Grant, Edward G. Irvin, and John Milton Lee; and

Whereas, other famous members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity include Bernard A. Harris, M.D., Percy E. Sutton, William "Bob" Johnson, General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., Cedric the Entertainer, Tavis Smiley, John Singleton, Dr. Billy Taylor, and the late Arthur Ashe, Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Jester Hairston, Reginald F. Lewis, and Whitman Mayo; and

Whereas, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity today is composed of undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country; and

Whereas, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington as Kappa Alpha Nu and adopted its current designation in December 1914:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome the members and officers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to the state of Missouri and to express our sincerest best wishes for a highly successful 77th Grand Chapter Meeting in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

on behalf of the members of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4041, adopted July 18, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker